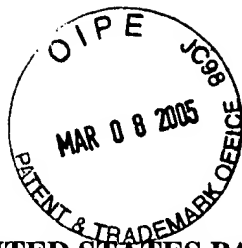


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For: METHOD OF IN SITU DIAGNOSIS BY SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF
BIOLOGICAL STAIN COMPOSITIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time, which extends the period for response from December 8, 2005 to March 8, 2005.

Applicants had previously filed a Notice of Appeal with an after-final Amendment on October 8, 2004, in response to the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed June 8, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1, 5, 7-11 and 20.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 for the required fee of \$1,020.00, for extending the period of response following the filing of a Notice of Appeal from December 8, 2005 to March 8, 2005.

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Applicants believe no other fees are due in connection with this Petition. However, if there are any other fees due, please charge them to Deposit Account 08-0219. Also, please credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

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